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SUBJECT: OASGA NUMBER 22: PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER' S
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SUMMARY: PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JUAN ANTONIO TACK' S
MAJOR THEMES IN APRIL 9 OASGA SPEECH DEALT WITH RECENT UN
SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN PANAMA AND CRITICISM OF PRESENT
ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF OAS. TACK' S REFERENCES TO
UN MEETING WERE SELF- CONGRATULATORY FOR " POLITICAL AND MORAL
VICTORY, FOR PANAMA WHICH MEETING REPRESENTED. HE PRE-
SENTED PANAMANIAN POSITION ON CANAL ISSUE IN MODERATE
TONE AND CLAIMED THAT UNSC MEETING HAD UNDERLINED MAJORITY
OF WORLD' S SOLIDARITY WITH PANAMA. RE OAS, URGED THAT PRO-
POSED STUDY OF INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM BE HELD IN LATIN
AMERICAN CAPITAL WITH OAS SECRETARIAT EXCLUDED. END
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SUMMARY.

1. PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TACK' S OPENING REMARKS TO OASGA LED DIRECTLY INTO DISCUSSION OF PANAMA' S VIEWS OF RECENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. SC MEETING HAD GREAT HISTORICAL MEANING SINCE IT DEMONSTRATED SUPPORT FOR JUST CAUSE OF PANAMA AND LATIN AMERICA TO WHICH THIRD WORLD MEMBERS GAVE CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION. TACK EXPRESSED PRIDE THAT OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF SC SPEAKERS EMPHASIZED THAT EACH STATE HAS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO EFFECTIVE

SOVEREIGNTY AND JURISDICTION OVER TOTALITY OF ITS TERRITORY AND THAT DENIAL TO PANAMA OF THIS RIGHT CONSTITUTED A THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN LATIN AMERICA. TACK ALSO CLAIMED ALMOST ALL SC SPEAKERS SAID PANAMA HAS RIGHT TO EXPLOIT ITS PRINCIPAL NATURAL RESOURCE, I. E. ITS GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION, IN BEST METHOD POSSIBLE FOR BENEFIT OF ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT.

2. TACK STATED THAT THE SC RESOLUTION ON THE PANAMA CANAL HARMONIZED WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM' S VIEWS ON THE ISSUE AS STATED AT SC AND THAT THE FACT THAT RESOLUTION RECEIVED 13 VOTES WAS A POLITICAL AND MORAL VICTORY FOR PANAMA. TACK SAID THAT MEETING RESULTED IN STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL UNITY OF PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA AND THE U. S. VETO OF THE CANAL RESOLUTION PROMOTED SOLIDARITY IN THE REGION. HE THANKED FELLOW LATINS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN MAKING THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING SUCCESSFUL.

3. IN TERMS OF OAS AND INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM TACK ATTACKED FANTASY OF PAN- AMERICANISM AT TIME WHEN GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS WIDENING. HE ALSO PROCLAIMED SOMETHING CALLED THE AGE OF AMERICAN DIGNITY AND CONDEMNED USE OF COERCIVE MEASURES AGAINST STATES IN THE REGION, AND ISOLATION OF CERTAIN STATES (MEANING CUBA).

4. HE ASKED RHETORICALLY IF THE OAS WERE TRULY INTER- AMERICAN. TACK LED INTO SECRETARY GENERAL GALO PLAZA AS , SERVANT" WHO HAD NO RIGHT TO MAKE POLITICAL PRONOUNCEMENTS OR TO PROPOSE ITEMS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING OF PERMANENT COUNCIL VIS- A- VIS SECRET- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TARIAT AND THEN WENT ON TO STATE THAT ECONOMIC COOPER-

ATION SHOULD BE SEPARATED FROM DOMESTIC, POLITICAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES, IMPLYING THE U. S. OFFERED FOOD WITH ONE HAND AND WITH THE OTHER LASHED OUT WITH THE WHIP. TACK ALSO DEMANDED THE REINTEGRATION OF CUBA INTO THE FAMILY OF LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS.

5. WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED STUDY OF THE SYSTEM, HE URGED THAT STUDY GROUP MEET IN A LATIN AMERICAN CAPITAL, THAT OAS SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM STUDY AND INVEIGHED AGAINST CONCEPT OF MUTUALITY AS BEING CONTRARY TO SYSTEM OF MULTILATERALITY.

CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF TACK SPEECH APPEARED TO BE CUT AND PASTE JOB REplete WITH QUOTATIONS FROM OLD SPEECHES. ROGERS

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